REMARKS

Claims 1-91 were examined. Claims 1, 31, 40, 42, 50-53 and 62 have been amended. No claims were cancelled. New subject matter has not been introduced.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The examiner has rejected claims 1-91 under §103(a) as obvious over Fleischer III et al. (US 5,799,073) in view of Nolting et al. (US 6,721,405). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

In one embodiment of the present invention, as set forth in claim 1, a method is provided for analyzing telecommunications data relating to a business entity, using business entity aggregation criteria. Telecommunication data relating to the business entity is obtained from telecommunication provider invoices from a a plurality of telecommunications providers. The telecommunications data from the plurality of telecommunications providers is aggregated according to a business entity aggregation criteria to create an aggregated bill for the business entity. At least a portion of the aggregated bill is then separated into service categories. Locations or sites of a customer's telecommunication services, services provided by site, a list of providers of each service, and accounts used for billing each service are stored in a database. A translation table is provided to translate each telecommunications provider codes for its telecommunications data to a standard code implemented for use in the database. A checking is made for errors in the telecommunication provider invoices. Forecasts are made from the telecommunication provider invoices.

Fleischer, et al., discloses methods and systems for producing a record of calls to a subscriber in an advanced intelligent network. Fleisler, et al., pulls information from a switch and does not pull information from service provider invoices. Instead, information is pulled from a client's site. Unlike the present invention, as set forth in claim 1, Fleiscler, et al., does not disclose, teach or suggest, pulling information from service provider invoices, converting telecommunications provider codes for its telecommunications data to a standard code implemented for use in a database,

checking for errors in the telecommunication provider invoices, or making forecasts from the telecommunication provider invoices.

Nolting, et al., provides methods and systems to measure traffic passing between two networks, such as the networks of a LEC and a CLEC. The traffic patterns are then analyzed.

Neither Fleischer, et al., nor Nolting, et al., provide, singularly or in combination, a method for analyzing telecommunications data relating to a business entity, using business entity aggregation criteria, where information is pulled from service provider invoices (and not switches), telecommunications provider codes for its telecommunications data are converted to a standard code implemented for use in a database, a checking is made for errors in the telecommunication provider invoices, or forecasts or made from the telecommunication provider invoices.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for examination, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 07464-0005).

Respectfully submitted,

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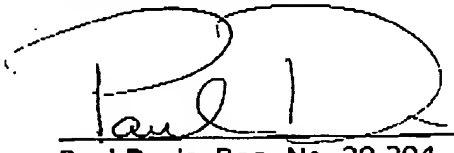

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